

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before "BACKGROUND" insert the following paragraph:

This application is a 371 national phase filing based on PCT/GB03/001161, filed March 19, 2003 and claims priority benefit from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/367,060, filed March 21, 2002.

Page 3, 1st paragraph, replace with the following paragraph:

The methods of the invention can be used with a variety of titratable anion exchange compositions, including titratable anion exchange compositions which comprise a primary amine, a secondary amine or a tertiary amine. Suitable titratable anion exchange compositions include anion exchange compositions comprising polyimidazole, polyhistidine, polylysine or polyethyleneimine. In one embodiment, the titratable anion exchange composition is conjugated to a support, for example, a synthetic polymer support, such as silica gel, a polysaccharide, a polystyrene, especially a styrene-divinylbenzene copolymer, a polyethylene, a prolypropylene, a polyacrylate, or an agarose, for example, those agaroses available under the trade name Sephadex SEPHAROSE. Preferably, the titratable anion exchange composition is covalently bonded to a support, optionally via a linker group. The support may be a functionalised support. Examples of such functionalised supports are well known in the art, and include, for example, the hydroxy or amino-functionalised supports, especially hydroxy or amino-functionalised polystyrene.

Page 10, paragraph beginning at line 34, replace with the following paragraph:

In certain embodiments of the present invention, good results have been achieved by the use of the polyethyleneimine polyethyleneimine-derivatized silica titratable anion exchange composition commercially available from Millipore under the trade name Matrex Silica MATREX SILICA, for example, Matrex Silica MATREX SILICA PEI-300 and Matrex Silica MATREX SILICA PEI-1000.

Page 13, beginning at line 32, replace with the following:

Reagents

Polyethyleneimine-derivatized silica gel (~~Matrex Ion Exchange Silica~~ MATREX ION EXCHANGE SILICA PEI-300-15; product number S674 (Millipore, Bedford, MA);

Buffer A; 50 mM NaHCO₃ solution; pH 8.2;

Buffer B; 50 mM NaHCO₃/Na₂CO₃ solution; pH adjusted to 11.1 with 0.1 M NaOH;

Buffer C; 0.1 NaOH solution;

Buffer D, 0.1 M Tris, 2 M NaCl solution; pH 7.5

Page 14, beginning at line 34 to page 15, line 1, replace with the following:

Reagents

Polyethyleneimine-derivatized silica gel (~~Matrex Ion Exchange Silica~~ MATREX ION EXCHANGE SILICA PEI-300-15; product number S674 (Millipore, Bedford, MA);

Buffer A; 0.25 M NH₄HCO₃ solution; pH 7.5;

Buffer B; 0.1 M NH₄OH;

Buffer C; MILLI-Q Water

Buffer D, 0.1 M NH₄OH, 2 M NaCl solution, pH 7.5